

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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GILBERTO GUTIERREZ, on behalf of himself and
others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

08 CV 5165 (GBD)

- v. -

ANSWER

JAMALI GARDEN SUPPLIES, INC.,

Defendant.

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Defendant JAMALI GARDEN SUPPLIES, INC., by their attorney ARTHUR H. FORMAN, as and for its answer to the complaint of the plaintiff, GILBERTO GUTIERREZ, alleges and states:

INTRODUCTION

1. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "1" of the Complaint, except admit that the plaintiff purports to proceed against the defendant as set forth therein.
2. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "2" of the Complaint, except admit that the plaintiff purports to proceed against the defendants as set forth therein.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "3" of the Complaint, except admit that the jurisdiction of this court is purportedly invoked as set forth therein.
4. Admit that the venue of this action is within the Southern District of New York.

PARTIES

5. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations set forth in paragraph "5" of the Complaint.
6. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph "6" of the Complaint.

7. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "7" of the Complaint, except admit that the plaintiff was employed by defendant until approximately February 24, 2008.

8. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "8" of the Complaint, and respectfully refer all questions of statutory construction to the court for determination.

9. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "9" of the Complaint.

10. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "10" of the Complaint.

11. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "11" of the Complaint.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

12. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "12" of the Complaint, except admit that plaintiff was hired by defendant to work as a delivery person.

13. Admit so much of the allegations set forth in paragraph "13" of the Complaint as allege that there were times when plaintiff worked over forty (40) hours in one week for defendant.

14. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "14" of the Complaint.

15. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "15" of the Complaint.

COUNT I

16. Defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every answer contained in paragraphs "1" through "15" as if more fully set forth at length herein.

17. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph "17" of the Complaint.

18. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph "18" of the Complaint

19. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph "19" of the Complaint.

20. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph "20" of the Complaint.

21. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "21" of the Complaint.

22. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "22" of the Complaint.

23. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "23" of the Complaint, except admit that plaintiff represents that he intends to proceed as set forth therein.

24. Deny the allegations asserted in paragraph "24" of the Complaint.

25. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "25" of the Complaint.

26. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "26" of the Complaint.

27. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "27" of the Complaint.

28. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph "28" of the Complaint.

COUNT II

29. Defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every answer contained in paragraphs "1" through "28" as if more fully set forth at length herein.

30. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph "30" of the Complaint.

31. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "31" of the Complaint.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

32. Some or all of the claims of plaintiffs are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST COUNTER-CLAIM
AGAINST DEFENDANT GUTIERREZ**

33. Plaintiff Gutierrez is indebted to defendant for the sum of \$250.00, representing the balance of money loaned but not repaid to defendant although duly demanded.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND COUNTER-CLAIM
AGAINST DEFENDANT GUTIERREZ**

34. Plaintiff Gutierrez is indebted to defendant for the sum of \$1,200.00, representing the balance of rent owed to defendant for the months of February, March and April 2008, no part of which has been paid although duly demanded.

WHEREFORE, defendant demands judgment dismissing the Complaint and denying all relief requested therein, and awarding defendant judgment against plaintiff Gutierrez in the total sum of \$1,450.00, together with interest from February 1, 2008, and the costs of defending this action, including reasonable attorney fees.

Dated: June 24, 2008
Forest Hills, New York

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